

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, claims 1-26 were pending. Claims 1-26 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of co-pending Application No. 09/826,220.

In this response, no claim has been cancelled or amended. A terminal disclaimer has been submitted to overcome the double patenting rejection. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

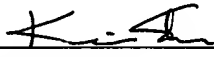
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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